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JANE PRICE SHARP, EDITOR

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Snow! Snow! Snow!

Dear Editor:

I have been reading your letters about the State Road Commission keeping the highways clear of snow.

My husband, brother and wife and myself would like to express our thanks through your paper to those who work so faithfully during the heavy snows to make the highways passable.

Many of you remember the big snow that fell January 12, the day my father was buried at Wesley Chapel. We were worried we wouldn't be able to get from Marlinton to Wesley Chapel. Thanks to those men who were clearing the highway from early a. m.—all day and night—we had no trouble at all and eight inches of snow.

On Monday a. m. there was a snowfall of four to five inches from Wesley Chapel, down Brown's Creek Road to Marlinton. We passed a number of plows doing a good job.

We came across Droop Mountain as if there were no snow or ice. We saw no wrecks or cars off the side of the road from Wesley Chapel to Bluefield, but our trouble really began from Bluefield, Virginia to Kingsport, Tennessee, ice and snow all the way; maybe a little salt or sand had been scattered in various places and all that had been done to the highways. A number of cars and trucks were over the banks and in the ditches.

The schools were in session all the way in West Virginia but they had been closed in Eastern Tennessee that day due to highways not being passable.

We in Tennessee panic when a snow falls; schools, stores, courthouses, most everything closes. We need you to clean our roads.

Mabel G. Jones

In Morgantown

Those from Pocahontas County attending the Living Resources Forum at the University last week were Ruth Wilfong; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sheets, Z. S. Smith, Jr., Sherman Beard, Dick McNeil, Moffett McNeil, John Coyner, Mrs. Betty Rae Weiford, Virginia Lou Young, and Walter Jett.

M. H. S.

The Marlinton Chapter of the National Honor Society presented two one-act plays, the names of which were "The Happy Journey to Camden and Trenton" and "The Neighbor."

Fern Kennedy was selected the F. F. A. Sweetheart. The F. F. A. sponsored a dance after the Hillsboro, Marlinton basketball game which Marlinton won.

The Juniors have started the production of their play, Pride and Prejudice, which will be presented in March.

We play White Sulphur here on February 7, and the cheer leaders will sponsor a dance right after the game. Friday at 1:30 the Marlinton Junior High will play Hillsboro Junior High at the Hillsboro gym. On February 11, Marlinton will play Ronceverte after which the physical education class will sponsor a dance.

A Social Security man will be here Monday, February 10, at 1:30 to speak to the seniors and \$15 to the faculty.

Boys and Girls in Service

Fort Richardson, Alaska (AHTNC)—Army PFC Gerald F. Davis, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis, Route 1, Marlinton, is scheduled to participate in Exercise Polar Siege, a 12-day field training exercise, in Alaska, beginning January 30.

Polar Siege, the largest maneuver to be held in Alaska, will involve more than 10,000 U. S. and Canadian military personnel. Polar Siege will take place over 2400 square miles of wilderness and be the first cold weather test of the Army's new infantry brigades organized last year under the Army-wide reorganization of combat units.

Davis, who has been in Alaska since February 1963, is regularly stationed at Fort Richardson as a switchboard operator in Company A of the 33d Signal Battalion.

He entered the Army in August, 1962 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Davis is a 1962 graduate of Marlinton High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelley of Cloverlick sent in this letter received from their son, Robert Gray Kelley, stationed in Chor Wance Valley, Korea.

Dear Mom, Dad and family: As I am still on guard, I will write a line. I am o.k. and hope all back there are the same. I heard a wildcat holler and it sounded like a baby crying. The crows over here look like ours but they holler different. When I go for chow I often see snakes. I have killed three and four a day. We have to walk a mile down hill for chow and coming back it is straight up. We get plenty hungry climbing hills. We are sleeping in bunkers which are dug in the ground like cellars back home and are walled up sand. They are really warm. We have a stove that burns oil. The bunkers here are to us like a nice house is to you all back in good old West Virginia. We built a wooden door and a boy in my infantry gave us the hinges for it off of an ammunition box. We get the Korean boys to wash and mend our clothes. They will do anything for you if they like you.

We have been issued our winter clothing — Mickey Mouse boots, Parka overcoats, and everything, so we are all set for cold weather. We have had one snow. The boys on my tank are from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Fort Worth, Texas and North Carolina. We carry our carbines every where we go. I forgot to tell you about the mosquitoes over here, I think they use them for jet airplanes and the ants for horses.

I saw in the Stars and Stripes where West Virginia had a big forest fire. The hills here look like West Virginia hills although there are not as many trees. Carl Miller of Dunmore is in the same company. We have electric lights in our bunkers, headlights off of tank which runs with a battery. Guess you boys have been coon hunting.

Your son,

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Caves and Streams

Miss Hermine Zotter, of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, a member of the National Speleological Society and one of the spelunkers who has been caving in Pocahontas County for several years, reports that those green streams that have appeared in the Swago, Jerico Road and Campbelltown areas the past three years are beginning to add up to some valuable information.

She presented a Stream Tracing Paper at the National Convention of the Speleological Society at Mountain Lake, Virginia, last summer and it has been printed in the NSS News Magazine. These are some of the drainage data she collected by the use of the harmless dye, fluorescein:

Overholt Blowing Cave drains two miles northwest with connections with Beverage Pit, Wolfe's Swallow Hole House Waterfall and Schoolberry Cave.

Cave Creek Cave drains a semi-circle of two and one half miles, with connections with House Waterfall Cave, Swago Pitt, Barnes Pitt.

Dry Creek, three and one half miles between Spruce Flats and Buck Mountain, Dynamite Pit.

The unnamed stream north of Sharp Run resurges on Millburn Sharp farm and flows in Stony Creek (The Campbelltown water supply is derived from one of these streams, perhaps both). The Sharp farm resurgence originates at the head of Dry Creek; flowing into Dry Creek Swallow Hole, east under summit of Stony Creek Mountain.

Sharp Run is formed on M. C. Stump farm by two resurgences. The southernmost resurgence is believed to originate at the Stony Mountain Sink, which also said to resurge on the Alva Moore farm at the Price Run resurgence.

So from one small area in the upper half of the Dry Creek valley, subterranean drainage divides into four directions.

In the Stamping Creek area, numerous resurgences are fanned out across the valley. Rodgers Mountain, Blue Springs Cave which originates at Steam Cave, and the middle resurgence is subterranean Stamping Creek.

McNeel's Mill Run Cave forms Mill Run and originates from the short stream flowing into Poor Farm Water Cave.

Locust Creek is formed by Hills Creek, Bruffeys Creek, and Martha Clark's Cave stream, which may be Millstone Creek. Hills and Bruffeys Creeks both flow into separate cave entrances and then join underground. Millstone Creek may or may not flow into Martha Clark's Cave in which a stream flows south one mile. A short distance away are Upper and Lower Hughes Creek Caves which contain streams that may also join the Droop Mountain system.

The Spring Creek area is also being studied. Mrs. Zotter says her paper and accompanying slides were received with great enthusiasm so she hopes the local residents will continue to tolerate her turning the water supply green. They still do not know where the water in Tub cave comes from or goes to and there is much more tracing to do.

Lobelia News

Marion Hodges, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Marvel Hodges Hunt, of Washington, D. C. were here visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kennison last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kennison have moved into their new home on Route 219.

Mrs. C. C. Cutlip, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving but is still confined to her home.

Mrs. Eva McCarty, of Buck eye, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Emery Anderson and Miss Zora Cutlip and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cutlip.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkerson and family spent the weekend with Mrs. Wilkerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barcroft.

A revival is being held at West View Christian Church. The Evangelist is Rev. Julian Grubb of Ronceverte. The choir and quartet have been attending from Ronceverte.

The preaching has been very impressive.

Mrs. Nettie Kennison visited her children in Charleston the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pritt and Mrs. Paul Simmons recently spent the day with their sister, Mrs. Roy Simmons, in Craigsville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jacobs and son, Tommy, recently spent a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pritt and his mother, Mrs. Lou Jacobs, in Laurinburg North Carolina.

Curtis Pritt is visiting his brothers in Newark, Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pritt recently visited her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMillon at Renick. The McMillons celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.



By: Loretta Malcomb

If you have fine hair it is very likely soft-sheened and sleek, but it poses a number of problems of its own. Cold weather loads it with static electricity, heat leaves it limp, and you are probably in a never-ending search for props to give it body.

We might suggest frequent washing and cream rinses to provide more body, but we caution against vigorous yanking on shampoo suds, as fine hair is even more fragile when wet. Also, be careful of too-energetic brushing and combing which only adds to friction troubles.

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Falcon entered two classes in Europe's 2,700-mile winter ordeal—won them both and finished 2nd overall out of 299 cars. That's durability!

In the Rallye's five special Alpine sections, Falcon was first overall in four, tied for first in one. That's roadability!

In the Rallye's final test around the Monte Carlo racing course, Falcons were first and second. That's maneuverability!

MONTE CARLO—The 83rd Monte Carlo Rallye started with 299 cars. Some 2,700 miles and 3½ days later,

only 163 were still in the rally when the field struggled into Monaco—but they included all eight of the specially equipped Falcons that originally started!

This eight-out-of-eight record was perhaps more remarkable than the fact that, despite a handicap formula that favored the smallest cars, a Falcon captured second place overall. One car can have luck... but eight have to have total performance. Because the Rallye samples every variety of weather and road conditions the continent can provide, and because it winds up on the most remote byways in the French Maritime Alps, it is a supreme test of all the car's abilities. Falcon steering had to be flawless on glare ice above a 1,000-foot drop. Those fabulous V-8's had to run like dynamos.

The final results in the Monte Carlo Rallye gave Falcon 2nd place overall, 1st in Class 8 of the Touring category, 1st and 2nd in Class 5 of the much tougher Grand Touring category, 1st and 2nd in the final three-lap test on the Monte Carlo circuit. The best finish

by a Valiant was 88th overall. Falcon gained invaluable experience in how to build a car better, make it tougher, sharpen up its total performance. That's the real reason Ford is interested in open competition—and why Ford-built cars have got so much more to show drivers. Drive one and see: it won't have six lights, or a horn you can hear for four miles in stormy weather, or the other special rally equipment—but it'll sure surprise you!

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